OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

DEAR EDITOR:—I thought I would write a few lines again. Our school closed last Friday. There were three prizes given. Fannie, James and Nancy Binamor and Clara Goodwin and Lee Hartly and I are the scholars that get them. We all came out so near alike that there will be five. We all like our teacher very much. Her name is Miss Allie Carson. The weather is fine here now. My little sister Iola got the prize at Sunday school. It was a Testament. My Sunday school teacher's name is Mrs. Laura Hartly. My studies are Reading, Arithmetic, Geography and Spelling. I will close this time. If I see this in print I will write again.

HATTIE CHAPMAN.

Williams, Oregon.

DEAR EDITOR:—This is my first letter for the paper. As sister Hattie was writing a letter, I will let you know that I am a little girl. I go to school. I read in the Second Reader. I have a big dollie and a kittie. I have two sisters and two brothers in California and one at home. He is a sweet little brother, and I have one little cousin, May; she lives with us. My Sunday school teacher's name is Miss Maggie Bigelow. My sister Hattie's teacher and mine are sisters, and we love them dearly. We have a nice home. It is so warm here that we can play all day like if it was spring. The robins are singing today. If I see this in print I will write again.

IOLA CHAPMAN.

Williams, Oregon.

DEAR EDITOR:—As I have not wrote for a long time I thought I would try and write a few lines for the Children's Columns. I am 11 years old and will be 12 on the 4th of December. They are going to have a festival in the Baptist church tomorrow night. Our minister's name is Rev. Mr. Morgan. I go to school. I am in No. 8 My teacher's name is Miss Cunningham. I go to Sunday school. I guess I will have to close.

CHARLEY GEIST.

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I am glad to know that our late convention at Ashland gave general satisfation. I am also pleased to know that since our convention our brethren have gone to work in earnestenss for our blessed Redeemer.

I hope we will all get still a little more of the Apostle Paul's zeal within our hearts and keep the gospel alone ball rolling until we can say with that same Apostle, "I am now ready to be offered, I have fought a good (gospel alone) fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, (The assurance of the blessed things obatainable which we get by hearing and doing the word of God.) Hence forth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but to all them that love his appearing.

I think the right plan was adopted to pay the College debt, but we ought to have elected a committee to see that the plan be carried out.

We preachers are generally very busy and some times a little careless, and if we neglect to put this dollar plan before our churches, we ought to have a committee to write to us and torment us until we do our duty. If every minister in the church will do his part by putting this important matter before his church there will be no trouble to free our College. I suggest that the trustees of said College write to and insist upon every minister, that neglects to put this before his church, to lay it before his church at once and keep on insisting until he does his duty or gives good reasons for not doing so. If this will be done I feel sure the debt will be paid.

We received into the church a sister from the German Baptists on last Sunday night. This young sister is from Downsville where I had a week's meeting not long since. I felt some what discouraged when I closed that meeting and only received one soul into the church. I hope the little seed sown may produce more fruit in the future.

We feel some what encouraged though we are doing no great work at present, but we look forward to a brighter day for our little church here. Our little scattered band was born in the midst of two strong Conservative churches. These two congregations have nine ministers, and I, a poor, weak, inexperienced minister, almost alone. True we have an excellent Elder and our success should be attributed to a great extent to Elder Cost, and, brethren, I mean I am almost alone preaching. Bro. Cost is getting old and don't do much preaching. Yet with all our peculiar surroundings and disadvantages we are gradually growing, and the Lord is blessing us with the salvation of more souls than both of our large Conservative congregations together. Yet we are not doing near as much as we ought.

Oh! how I wish we could unite upon the gospel alone platform and all work together. What a great work we could do here. I hope and pray the time may speedily come when our good Conservative brethren will see that the gospel alone is sufficient for our salvation without any thing more, and then all go together and work for the salvation of precious souls. Then we could reap a great harvest. I expect to go up in Pennsylvania today and if I can find a church or school house I may preach another week.

We have enough work for three men to do. I wish several good brethren filled with the love of God would come and held me.

We have a church in Pennsylvania about twelve or fifteen miles from here owned by my cousin in Virginia, but I don't think any members are there. I never saw it. I think I will hunt it up. I wish it was on wheels, I would hitch a traction engine to it and take it where we have members, but no house.

But as it can not come to me, I will go to it and try to "cast some bread upon the waters" and maybe after many days it will return.

I will now lay down my pen, start in search of it, and if I find it I hope I may have reason to rejoice, and if so, I will tell you, dear readers, so that you can rejoice with me.

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Washington Letter.

(*From our Regular Correspondent.*)

Washington, Nov. 26, 1887.

Thanksgiving Day was observed in Washington in the usual way. The Executive Departments were closed, and the clerks had holiday. Business of all kinds was suspended, and protestant churches were open for religious services appropriate to the occasion. There were many private home gatherings, and family reunions, and many public dinners for the poor, whose hunger was stayed for one day at least with turkey and cranberry sauce.

A notable feature of the religious ceremonies of Thanksgiving was the unity among different denominations. Union services were the rule. Congregations, did not worship alone, but Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists, and Disciples met at the churches designated, and were thankful all together. This they have done to some extent in the past, but union services were never before so general.

And this reminds me of the general Christian Conference which is to be held in this city on the 7th, 8th and 9th of December. It is under the auspices and in response to a call from the Evangelical Alliance of the United States, and the chief object of the convention is to arrange some plan whereby all Protestant ministers may help to propogate the Gospel among the working classes.

About two thousand delegates are expected to attend this conference, among whom will be many eminent brilliant and distinguished divines. A few days ago a meeting of clergymen and layman was held in New York for the purpose of discussing the work to be done at the coming convention in Washington. Some of them spoke very hopefully of the proposed plan, and urged that great good could be done by discarding sectarianism and presenting the naked truths of the Gospel, but others were doubtful, and foresaw many difficulties.

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